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Subject: Re: FW: Bears Ears National Monument
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Lewis,

Thanks for sharing your views. We will consider them during our review process.

Jim

On Mon, May 1, 2017 at 8:42 PM, Jim Cason < (b) (6) wrote:

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I am 82 years old and have lived in Blanding, Utah for all but 25 years of those 82 years. The area known as Cedar Mesa contains nearly all of the visible cultural resources in the new Bears Ears National Monument. Yet Cedar Mesa is only a small portion of the new monument. Thus the designation of such a large monument actually means less protection for the most choice part of the monument, which is Cedar Mesa. Because federal resources for such important elements as protection, trail signage, and education, will be diluted to cover so many acres, Cedar Mesa's cultural resources will receive less attention than is so badly needed. The net result is that the designation of such a huge area has actually done harm to the most important part of the monument. Increased visitation has already begun and attempts to educate the visitors is woefully lacking.

For me, the best outcome of the review of National Monuments is that Bears Ears be reduced to include Cedar Mesa only and that resources be concentrated on making sure that Cedar Mesa receives the attention that it needs.

Thank you,

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